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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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For: NOVEL SULFONYLDIAZOMETHANES, PHOTOACID GENERATORS, RESIST  
COMPOSITIONS, AND PATTERNING PROCESS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of one hundred five (105) pages
- ☐ ( ) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-035055 filed in Japan on February 13, 2003.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

- ☒ An assignment of the invention  
☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76  
☒ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)  
☐ Other:  
☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee  
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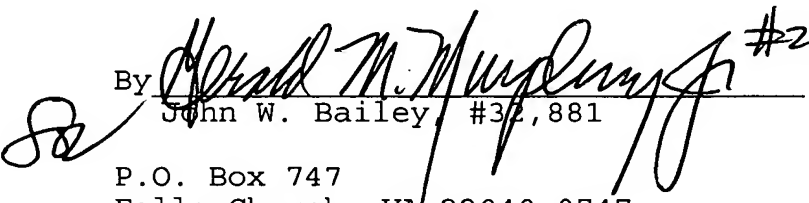
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